Foreign tourists coming to India from Pakistan

2506. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of foreign tourists are leaving Pakistan to come to India because they find stay in Pakistan as risky after attacks in New York and Washington by terrorists in September, 2001;

(b) if so, the number of such tourists who have come to India from Pakistan via land border during the months of September, 2001; and

(c) the nationality of these tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

Details of foreign nationals arrived through Attari/Wagha road during the month of September, 2001

Sr. No.	Nationality of foreigners	Number of foreigner Tourist arrived in India
1	2	3
1.	Australia	10
2.	Austria	6
3.	Argentina	1
4.	Belgium	11
5.	Brazil	1
6.	British	17
7.	Canada	15
8.	Czech	2
9.	Dutch	3
10.	France	12

1	2	3
11.	Germany	17
12.	Italy	4
13.	Indonesia	5
14.	Japan	27
15.	Korea	5
16.	Madagascar	2
17.	New Zealand	1
18.	Poland	12
19.	Swiss	6
20.	Spain	4
21.	U.S.A.	5
	TOTAL	166

Acquittal of Amir Sheikh by TADA Court

2507. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Amir Sheikh who was responsible for the IC-814 hijacking had been apprehended by the Indian authorities under TADA earlier; and

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that he was acquitted by the TADA court but was convicted under IPC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No person by the name Amir Sheikh was involved in the hijacking of flight IC-814 in December, 1999. The Hon'ble member is perhaps referring to Ahmad Omar Sayeed Sheikh, a British National, who was released from an Indian Jail in exchange for the hostages held in the hijacking incident.

One First Information Report (FIR) was registered against the said Ahmad Omar Sayeed Sheikh at police station, Mussourie, District Gaziabad (Uttar Pradesh) under various sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Criminal Law Amendment Act. The accused was convicted of the charges and he completed the sentence/prison term